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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG US

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PROTEST OVER US RECONNAISSANCE

OVERFLIGHTS

REF: CAIRO 3913

ALGIERS FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. FAHMY SUMMONED ME AT 1300 TODAY TO PROTEST WHAT HE CALLED LATEST US RECONNAISSANCE VIOLATION OF EGYPTIAN AIR SPACE. HE HANDED ME FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION:

QUOTE

ON THE 10TH OF DECEMBER 1973, AN AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE PLANE WAS SPOTTED BETWEEN 1107 AND 1117 HOURS IN THE AREA WEST OF SIDI ABDEL RAHMAN TILL CAIRO WEST, THEN TOWARDS EAST TO CAIRO TILL KABRIT AS IT PASSED OVER THE CANAL IN THE DIRECTION TO THE EAST. THE PLANE REENTERED THE EGYPTIAN FRONT FROM THE AREA NORTH OF

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ISMAILIA AT 1155 HOURS FLYING TOWARDS THE WEST TO

LOUISNA/BRIGET, THEN TO THE NORTH WEST AT AN  
ALTITUDE BETWEEN 22000 AND 25000 METERS. THE  
PLANE LEFT THE AIR SPACE AT 1203 HOURS FROM THE  
WEST OF SIDI ABDEL RAHMAN.  
UNQUOTE

2. NOTING THIS IS THE SIXTH SUCH OVERFLIGHT IN THE  
LAST TWO MONTHS, FAHMY SAID THEY ARE EMBARRASSING GOE  
AND ASKED THAT IT BE STOPPED. "YOU SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH  
PICTURES BY NOW," HE SAID.

3. I SAID I HAD NO INFORMATION, BUT WOULD REPORT THE  
PROTEST.  
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